

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

August 21, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Denny Kropp (8 Hrs)

Joe Jax (1.5 Hrs)

Mike Smith (1 Hrs)

Bob Giede (3 Hrs)

Guests: John Johnson, Dick Henning and Members of the Public.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet and recording volunteer hours. Minutes of the previous meeting were handed out and were reviewed. A motion was made for approval of meeting minutes by Dennis Kropp, seconded by Mike Smith. Motion passed.

Emeral Ash Borer: No further discussion

Armur Cork Tree Invasive Species: **Guest Speaker:** Chris Gaetzke, **LCIP:** A group containing LCIP members and Bob Giede did a walk around to bring awareness of invasive species in Menomonie. Armur Cork Tree is over-taking an area in South Menomonie and needs to be taken care of. Some land owners are resisting removal of the Armur Cork Tree. Dennis Kropp made a motion to request the City Council amend the City Ordinance, to add Armur Cork Tree, as identified by the NR-40, <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/classification.html>, be listed as an invasive species for the City of Menomonie, and thus be required to be removed, seconded by Mike Smith. Motion passed

UW-Stout Tree Removal/Replacement Plans: UW-Stout had to remove two silver maple trees on the boulevard, in front of their dining facility. Replacement trees will be planted in a different location. Once the construction is complete, there will be 10 new trees planted throughout campus.

Urban Forester Report:

- 1) Fair Booth: John Johnson did a great job. Dick Henning will be taking over in the future
- 2) Pruning Plans: Dick Henning and John Johnson will be working together to get started; possibly starting early fall. The plan is to finish in North Menomonie then move to the East side of the city.

City Forester Replacement: Dick Henning will replace John Johnson as the City Forester. There will be an additional technician position added, yet to be named.

City Council Report: Administration is working on 2020 Budget. Liquor license movements/adjustments throughout the city. The Waste Water Department was approved to get a new truck. 5th street will be open in time for school to start. There will be Tech Park and Middle School area street maintenance next week.

Discussion: At I-94, exit 41, by Dennys, there will be clean up of the area, some trees will be removed. The DOJ marked trees that need to stay. This will be happening after Labor Day.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Budget
- 2) Grant Application
- 3) City Forester Technician Replacement

Next Meeting: September 18, 2019, 2 PM at the Conference Room in City Hall

Submitted by: Cortney Cole